GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NEPALESE LIVING IN INDIA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the Estimated number of Nepalese Gurkhas in the country;

(b) whether the Government is aware that many Nepalese Gurkhas are taking up arms for the Maoists due to limited vacancies in army; and

(c) the steps Government are contemplating to address the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): The Government does not have data on Nepalese gurkhas. However, as per 2001census, there are 6,40,862 persons who have reportedly been born in Nepal and enumerated in India.

(b): There are no reports to indicate that Nepalese gurkhas are taking up arms for Maoists in the wake of lesser job opportunities in the Army.

(c): Does not arise.